

## Use of Dogs to Hunt Mountain Lions

The mountain lion hunting season is open year-round on land located outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals and year-round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with the permission of the landowner or leasee.

### Requirements

- The use of dogs to hunt mountain lions is only allowed during those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs and year round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with permission of the landowner or lessee. However, a pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on property owned by the Office of School and Public Lands or the United State Bureau of Land Management other than the Fort Meade Recreation Area.
- No person may release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions traveling together.
- Any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may not be harvested.
- Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed.
- All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements established for deer hunting in South Dakota.
- Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- All mountain lions harvested must be presented to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest for inspection.

For additional information on mountain lion hunting in South Dakota, please visit

<http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx> or contact Andy Lindbloom after hours at 605-222-9926.